

of Johnny Unitas, whom I think everyone would agree is the greatest football quarterback of all time.

Johnny, "The Golden Arm," died Wednesday, September 11, 2002 of a heart attack at age 69. The Hall of Famer came to Baltimore from Pittsburgh to work for Bethlehem Steel at Sparrow's Point. He played for the Baltimore Colts from 1956 until 1973.

The Baltimore Sun described Johnny's legacy perfectly: "Baltimoreans fell in love with a plain-spoken, rough-hewn hero who epitomized their city of steelworkers and longshoremen." Unitas retired in 1973, holding 22 NFL records. He completed at least one touchdown pass in 47 straight games, a record that no one has even come close to matching. He did that during the years from 1956 through 1960. He led the Baltimore Colts to the NFL championship in 1958 and 1959, and the Super Bowl in 1970. Johnny Unitas was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 1979.

On the NFL's 50th anniversary, Johnny was voted the greatest quarterback of all times. With the aid of national television, Johnny catapulted the NFL into the public's eyes every day, driving the growing popularity of professional football.

Mr. Speaker, he was responsible for developing the national phenomenon of enjoying football the way we do today.

Johnny's trademark hunched shoulders, crew cut, black high-top cleats and stern look found a home in the heart of every Baltimorean. I was a teenager when Johnny Unitas played for the Colts. I remember fondly the days of his 18-year NFL career. More than a football player, Johnny touched the community with his devoted service to charitable causes; he was kind, warmhearted and affable.

This past week I had the opportunity to be with him at Towson University. He was continuing his community service. He never denied a person an autograph, not because he thought he was a star, but he knew that he would disappoint the youngster, or even an older person, if he would not give that person his autograph. He was always available to help in our community for charitable events.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Johnny Unitas, a legacy not only in Baltimore, but across the Nation. On the field, he will always be known as No. 19, but he will surely remain number one in our hearts. We offer our condolences to his family. We will always remember what he has meant to professional football, and what he has meant to Baltimore.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ACKERMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for September 11 and 12 on account of official business.

Mr. BONILLA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of family medical reasons.

Mr. ISSA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending President Bush's address to the opening of the U.N. General Assembly.

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today until 11:00 a.m. on account of meetings at the White House.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BAIRD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BALLENGER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CARDIN, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, September 13, 2002, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9082. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin; Order Amending Marketing Agreement and Order No. 930 [Docket Nos. AO-370-A7; FV00-930-1] received September 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9083. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV02-987-1 FR] received August 29, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9084. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Celery Grown in Florida; Termination of Marketing Order No. 967 [Docket No. FV98-967-1 FR] received August 29, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9085. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nectarines and

Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches [Docket No. FV02-916-1 FIR] received August 29, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9086. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Order [FV-01-705-FR] (RIN: 0581-AB92) received September 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9087. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Change in the Minimum Maturity Requirements for Fresh Grapefruit [Docket No. FV02-905-2 IFR] received September 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9088. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 98-01, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

9089. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the summary of amounts for Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) programs in the Former Soviet Union, pursuant to Public Law 105—85 section 1409 (111 Stat. 1962); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9090. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on Nuclear-Powered Submarine Force Structure; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9091. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Recommendations from the U.S. Secretary of Defense For Additional Emergency Procurement Authority To Support Anti-Terrorism Operations"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9092. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Performance of Security Functions [DFARS Case 2001-DO18] received September 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9093. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Certification of Disclosure in Companies' Quarterly and Annual Reports [RELEASE NOS. 33-8124, 34-46427, IC-25722; File No. S7-21-02] (RIN: 3235-A154) received September 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9094. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received September 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9095. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Mental Health and Substance Abuse Emergency Response Criteria (RIN: 0930-AA09) received September 6, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9096. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: United